

# Bawdsey CEVC Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We thought it would be nice to do a roundup of the events the Bawdsey School Association (BSA) have put on this year, and to thank the BSA volunteers for all their hard work!

The BSA is made up of parent volunteers who give their time to raise funds for the school, to buy equipment and put on fun events throughout the year. Anyone can come along to our meetings which are held around 6 times a year in the Swan Inn pub in Alderton! Dates are advertised in the school newsletter and on our Facebook page "Bawdsey School Association".

A Sponsored walk was run in the summer of 2022 with over £500 being raised! All children took part, and it was an amazing achievement by all!

In November 2022, Freddie's dad Mr Mann carved an amazing Halloween figure "Peter", which was raffled in the Alderton Pub. £350 was raised and Mrs Mann purchased 12 much needed football kits for the school!

Also, in November 2022 the BSA put on a spectacular fashion show event, complete with pizza and prosecco. Funds were raised from ticket sales and a pre-loved clothes sale. Both children and parents had a wonderful evening parading down the catwalk!



In December we ran a movie night and the children all enjoyed watching the nostalgic Home Alone film whilst enjoying snacks and drinks!



Funds raised from the above events meant we could pay for some lovely treats for the school. These included the famous “Bawdsey Christmas Cracker”, which is a Christmas Fair, traditionally put on in December as a fundraiser, but in December 2022 this was a free event! Awesome Abbie visited and the children all enjoyed a disco complete with lights, games and a snow machine! Father Christmas visited and all the children received a Christmas Chocolate treat box, paid for by one of the BSA parents. The children also loved visiting all the free stalls we put on, including a lucky dip, teddy tombola, jars of sweets and treats, face painting and spin a sweet game.

We also surprised the children one Monday morning in December, by decorating the playground on a cold Sunday with a Christmas Wonderland!



The school needed to restock their library this year and so the BSA arranged an Amazon Wishlist where people could buy a book to be delivered to the school. The children enjoyed the many deliveries of fantastic books donated by parents, family and friends! The remaining books on the list were then purchased using BSA funds.



In March 2023 we organised a bake sale and raffle which was to be held at the Alderton pavilion alongside a fun rounders match. Sadly, on the day, it was pouring with rain, so we relocated to the Alderton village hall where we still had fantastic support from parents and locals who enjoyed some delicious cake! The raffle was then relocated for the week to the Alderton Village Stores and Swan Inn, where further raffle tickets were sold throughout the week. We raised over £500 which was a brilliant result.



Forest School is now an important part of the school week. The BSA donated £200 to the school to purchase some much-needed equipment including saws, a bench, drills, gloves and a firepit. Further funds have been spent on some wonderful experiences for the children. This included a visit from the Suffolk Wonderdome, where the children all enjoyed a spectacular space experience. In June 2023 a whole school trip on a coach to Africa Alive was a real treat for everyone!

This weekend, year 6 and 4 other lucky children are on a very special trip to Wimbledon to see the finals. The BSA have sponsored the event, providing pocket money for strawberries and cream and other treats, as well as paying for the mini bus, insurance and parking (boring but necessary!).

Finally, the highlight of the summer calendar – the Strawberry Fair took place after Sports Day, as has previously been tradition. Due to covid, the Fair has not taken place for the last 3 years, so we were delighted to bring it back in 2023! Thank you to Mr Stevens who provided a bouncy castle and of course Mr Ward who was a great sport on the Soak the Teacher stall. We hope that children, staff, parents, carers and families had a lovely time enjoying the tea and cake, and various stalls, whilst at the same time raising more funds!

It goes without saying that we cannot put on all of these events without the amazing support of our parent / carer volunteers and Bawdsey School staff. We are so grateful for all the donations of raffle prizes, jars of sweets and treats, teddies, cakes and also time when we ask for it. Thank you as well to everyone that attends our events, your support is vital so we can continue to fundraise to make special memories for the children.

We hope everyone has a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing everyone on the beach at Bawdsey Quay after school on the last day of term! If anyone would like to keep up to date with Bawdsey School life, we also have a Parents WhatsApp group, which you can join by scanning this QR code.



Best wishes,

Becks Hudson and Charlotte Thurkettle – Joint Chairs, Jessie Palmer – Treasurer- **Bawdsey School Association**